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COUNTRY Polish occupied Germany

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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Brieg AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT Late September 1950DATE OBTAINED 25X1DATE PREPARED 29 November 1950REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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25X1 1. In late September 1950 the airfield southwest of Brieg (P 51/H 89) had run ways, taxiways, and six large hangars on its northern edge. (1)

2. The field was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops who wore black-bordered light blue epaulets and who were quartered in the houses on the southwestern perimeter of the town. (2)

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4. Aircraft seen at the field included 2 four-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and three-bladed propellers; about 8 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and three-bladed propellers; 2 or 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, fixed weapon firing through propeller hub, angular container under nose, and of about same size as twin-engine plane; and 6 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, possibly fighters, smaller than the single-engine planes described above. Jet fighters were also seen at and over the field. (4)

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(1) The presence of a runway has been known since the end of the war. During last year, the runway was allegedly expanded to a length of 2,800 meters by the Soviets. This has not been confirmed.        could not state the length of the runway. In late 1944 there were seven intact hangars, six large ones and one medium-sized, at the field. A total of seven hangars are still believed to be there.

(2) The occupation of the field by Soviet Air Force troops was last observed on 30 April 1949. See       . An additional Polish unit was reported then but the information was doubted. The Polish unit is not mentioned in the present report.

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(4) The descriptions of the aircraft types observed do not indicate the type of the unit. The type of the jet planes cannot be determined because of lack of descriptive details. The unit is assigned to the Soviet Fourth Air Army.

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